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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

No. I. 87

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

- VS -

22 May 1946

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO FILE MOTIONS OR OTHER PLEADINGS

COME NOW the defendants in the above cause, by their respective attorneys and move the Tribunal to set aside its order entered on the 15th day of May 1946 requiring that any preliminary motions be filed by the 25th day of May 1946 and further move the Tribunal extend the time within which such motions and pleadings may be filed by the defendants, or any of them, by granting at least one week beyond the time heretofore set.

Defendants further state that all defendants, except a few, who have been individually represented by American counsel, have been solely represented herein by Japanese counsel who are generally unfamiliar with the procedure and substantive law applied and to be applied by this Tribunal; that the War Department of the United States of America has sent 16 lawyers from the United States of America, who have arrived in Tokyo within the last few days, for the purpose of assisting the accused in the defense of their cases; that this proceeding is of such a novel and involved nature that these lawyers cannot reasonably familiarize

themselves with the indictment and the issues involved and with the proceedings that have transpired and determine what motions, pleadings or action they might deem necessary, or advisable, to file or take on behalf of those defendants they will represent, within the time heretofore set. Defendants further state however that the American lawyers have concluded from the information they have been able to obtain that further motions are undoubtedly required on behalf of the defendants.

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